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Family Fun Day

As we find ourselves in election season in South Africa, with all the promises as well as the uncertainty it all brings we have been reminded in Isaiah 40:22 that God...

*²²...sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.*

Yet at the same time...

*²⁹He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak... and those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.*

As Christ Central Soweto, it is this hope, of a powerful God with a heart to save the least, the last, and the lost, that we seek to share with the weak and powerless in our community. Here is what we have been up to over the last few months.

Family Fun Day

At the end of April, we had a Family Day event in partnership with The Church in Mamelodi (a church in our city). The purpose of the event was to grow in fellowship but also be challenged and renewed by the gospel. We praise the Lord for a great time together, our guest preacher Sihle Xulu really challenged us to see that the gospel has the power to renew us and give us a new story to share, as young and old Christians. We also had a lot of fun together with the kids and youth over a meal, games, and around the word of God.

Celebrating our mothers

Praise the Lord for our Mother's Day service. Over the years we have observed that we get more visitors for the day, so we see it as a missional opportunity. It was an amazing time of heartfelt appreciation of the mothers in the community and the church, and we shared a gospel message with them from Judges 4. As a sign of appreciation, we gave roses and chocolates to mothers and one of the fortunate mothers won

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a bag of goodies from the raffle. Pray that we may be able to build a relationship with many of the mothers who attended our service.



Banele and Lesego Maseko (who are joining the church to help with youth and kids)

Welcoming a new family

On 1 May, we employed a new youth and children's worker, Banele Maseko. He was born and bred in the East Rand (east of Gauteng) and has a passion for sharing the gospel with the youth in the township context. Pray that he and his wife, Lesego, may settle well into our church and that God may use them to further our mission of making Christ known in Pimville, Soweto.

Engaging the community

Last time we wrote, we asked for your prayers as we began engaging different groups in our community with the gospel. We had focused on students living in the many student residences around, the elderly who have organised themselves and are seeking leaders to walk alongside them, as well as the schools in Pimville. Over the last few months, the Lord has been faithful in opening these doors for us.

Currently we are reaching out to around 30 students weekly and around 40 elderly people. We have an opportunity to enter two

more residences with over 20 students (we need wisdom in terms of how to manage this opportunity). In addition, we have been given permission to share the word with students in our current school venue (Musi High School). Currently there are about 20 students who are interested in engaging with us. Please pray that we are faithful to the word and through these initiatives the gospel spreads in our community and our church community grows as a result. We are starting to see the first fruits of this as we get more visitors weekly, pray that this continues.

Many thanks on behalf of Christ Central Soweto,

Rev Musa Nting



Weekly Bible study group in a student residence